

**Athens Ham Radio Operators on the Air for Nationwide Event June 26 – 27.**

**Athens YMCA-915 Hawthorne Ave, Athens, GA 30606**

**Operating under the callsign W4G.**

**Ham radio operators from the Athens Radio Club will participate in the national amateur radio exercise from 2pm Saturday until 2pm on Sunday, June 26 – 27. The event is ARRL Field Day ([www.arrl.org/FieldDay](http://www.arrl.org/FieldDay)), an annual amateur radio activity organized since 1933 by ARRL, the national association for amateur radio in the United States.**

**Hams from across North America participate in Field Day by establishing temporary ham radio stations in public locations—like the Athens YMCA-- to demonstrate their skill and service. Their use of radio signals, which reach beyond borders, brings people together while providing essential communication in the service of communities. Field Day highlights ham radio's ability to work reliably under any conditions from almost any location and create an independent, wireless communications network.**

**The 2021 event is also noteworthy given that a particularly active hurricane season is predicted. "Hams have a long history of serving our communities when storms or other disasters damage critical communication infrastructure, including cell towers," said Jess Hickey, Club President, N4JAH. "Ham radio functions completely independently of the internet and phone systems and a station can be set up almost anywhere in minutes. Hams can quickly raise a wire antenna in a tree or on a mast, connect it to a radio and power source, and communicate effectively with others," Hickey added.**

**Among the tenets of the Amateur Radio Service is developing and practicing skills in radio technology and radio communications, and even contributing to international goodwill.**

**For more information about ARRL Field Day and ham radio, visit the website of the Athens Radio Club <http://www.athensradioclub.org> and visit the national site [www.arrl.org/what-is-ham-radio](http://www.arrl.org/what-is-ham-radio).**

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